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Office Action Summary

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SUZUKI ET AL.

Examiner

Satwant K. Singh

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 and 40-51 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 37-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on 17 June 2005.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 37-39 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-36, and 40-51 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1, 11, 12, 14-17, 27, 48, and 51 teach similar subject matter as the prior art of Gotanda (6,707,570) and Olsen et al. (US 6,952,780). However claims 1, 11, 12, 14-17, 27, 48, and 51 are allowed for the reasons pointed out by Applicant's remarks (page 20, 1st paragraph).
5. Claims 2-10, 13, 18-26, 28-36, 40-47, 49, and 50 are allowable for being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 37-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Olsen et al. (US 6,952,780).

8. Regarding Claim 37, Olsen et al disclose a method of printing a print job, comprising the steps of: swiping a credit card through a credit card reader at a printing device (presenting the card 132 to the card reader 130) (col. 10, lines 9-13); and in response to the swiping, the printing device printing a print job which has associated credit card information corresponding to the swiped card (complete the print job) (col. 10, lines 36-62).

9. Regarding Claim 38, Olsen et al discloses a method further comprising the steps of: in response to the credit card swiping the printing device transmitting the credit card information to a print data storage device which stores print jobs having credit card information associated therewith (if the pin code is in accordance with the pin code registered with the server for that particular user, then the front-end module requests print jobs from the control unit 120) (co. 10, lines 36-62); and the print data storage server transmitting to the printing device a print job having associated credit card information corresponding to the credit card information transmitted by the printing device (enables the control unit 120 to further communicate the secured and spooled data file to the printer 116 so as to complete the print job) (col. 10, lines 36-62).

10. Regarding Claim 39, Olsen et al disclose a method, wherein the print jobs stored in the print data storage server are uploaded to the print data storage server together with the associated credit card information (print engine enables the control unit 120 to upload the print job containing an secured and spooled data file) (col. 10, lines 36-62).

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Natsuno (US 2002/0138422) discloses a credit card transaction system that is used for contracts for various electronic-commerce services

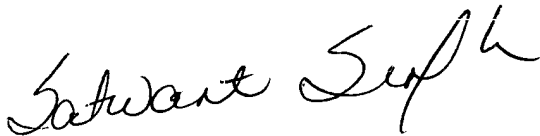
Kunugi et al (US 2005/0015331) discloses a prepaid card information issuing system, call rate settlement system communication rate settlement system, and expense settlement system.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satwant K. Singh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7468. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8am - 4:30pm.

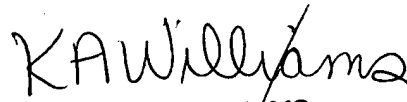
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A. Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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